

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kayla Hickman on her selection as the 2018-2019 Alpha Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Hickman is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Hickman has recently been named the 2018-2019 Alpha Elementary School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an educator for eight years, Mrs. Hickman is a third grade inclusion teacher at Alpha Elementary School; she received her Associate of Science degree from Walters State Community College, her Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University, and her Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, recognized in past years for having the county's highest achievement in math, reading, and science, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her field, Kayla Hickman is the third grade team leader, a member of the First Response Team, a schoolwide tutor, a leader for the Professional Learning Clubs, a sponsor for the Lego Club, and the coordinator for Remind for third grade; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hickman is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys the love and support of her husband, Josh; their son; Brantley; and their special pet, Deuce; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Hickman truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Kayla Hickman on being chosen as the 2018-2019 Alpha Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.